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SUBJ: GUINEAN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VISITS BANJUL

1. GUINEA'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, ALI BANGOURA, VISITED THE GAMBIA BRIEFLY JAN 7-8 TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT TOURE'S LATEST INITIATIVES REGARDING GUINEA-SENEGAL RELATIONS. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT JAWARA (WHO HAS OFTEN SERVED AS GO-BETWEEN FOR PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND TOURE) BRINGING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GUINEAN CHIEF OF STATE. EVIDENTLY SEKOU TOURE WANTS SIR DAWDA TO RESUME HIS MEDIATORY ROLE.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL GOTG TOLD CHARGE JAN 12 THAT GAMBIAN PRESIDENT QUERIED BANGOURA ABOUT WHETHER TOURE'S PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE APPROACH ON IMPROVEMENT GUINEA-SENEGAL RELATIONS WOULD BE PRELUDE TO PRESIDENTIAL RAPPROACHEMENT. WITHOUT SUCH RAPPROACHEMENT, GAMBIANS SEE LETTLE PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS. BANGOURA PROMISED TO TAKE QUESTION BACK TO HIS PRINCIPAL. CLEARLY, THE GAMBIA STILL HOPES TO PLAY USEFUL ROLE THIS ISSUE, BUT HAVING BEEN BURNED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST BY SEKOU TOURE'S UNPREDICTABLE ZIGS AND ZAGS, PRESIDENT JAWARA WILL PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
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